(ii) Development and use of Marking Schemes for containing subjectivity and inter-examiner variability in evaluation of answer scripts.

(iii) Publication of Sample question papers and Marking schemes.

(iv) Introduction of multiple sets of Question papers for reducing chances of malpractices in the examination halls.

(v) Introduction of Spot evaluation — To improve better supervision of the examiners bringing about greater uniformity in evaluation and making it more objective.

(vi) Provision of Chief Nodal Supervisor, Head Examiner and an Additional Head examiner at each nodal evaluation centre to increase effective academic supervision over the evaluators and making evaluation objective.

(vii) Introduction of Comprehensive and Continuous school-based Evaluation in the entire spectrum of school education.

(viii) Strengthening of internal evaluation at the secondary level.

IIT in Kerala

2003. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received for setting up of an IIT under Cochin University in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the steps Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) An expert committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.K. Joshi, has identified Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin to be upgraded to the level of IIT. The Institute has since submitted its vision document. The Vision Document is being examined by another Expert Committee comprising of Prof. M. Anandakrishnan, Prof. A. Ghosh and Prof. D.V. Singh.

Off-campus Centres of Deemed Universities

2004. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will be Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether UGC rules prohibit conducting of off-campus centres by the deemed universities;

(b) if so, whether any such cases of conducting off-campus centres by such universities/institutions have been brought to Government's notice.

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences in Kochi was established as an off-campus-centre of the Amrita Vidyapeeth at Coimbatore; and

(e) if so, whether the various medical/para-medical courses conducted by the AIMS at Kochi have recognition of the UGC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) As per the guidelines of University Grants Commission (UGC) for institutions declared as deemed to be universities, it is permissible to them to open their centres in places other than their headquarters with the prior approval of UGC and that of the concerned State Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) According to the UGC, the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (AIMS), Kochi (Kerala) is a constituent unit of Amrita Viswavidyapeetham, (Deemed to be University), Coimbatore. This centre has been included under the ambit of Amrita Viswavidyapeetham by the Government of India on the recommendation of the UGC *vide* Notification No. F. 9-25/2000-U.3 dated 13th January 2003. AIMS Kochi is approved by the Medical Council of India and is now a constituent centre of the Amrita Viswavidyapeetham. The degree/diploma for the courses conducted at AIMS, Kochi are awarded by the Amrita Viswavidyapeetham, which being a Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956, is empowered to conduct courses and award degrees specified by the UGC under Section 22 of the UGC Act.

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research

2005. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet has okayed plans to set up Indian Institute of Science Education and Research at two places-Pune and Kolkata; and

(b) if so, the amount involved in the exercise and the purpose the institutes would serve?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The